GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INDUCTION OF STATE OF THE ART RAIL COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Railways inducted any state of the art rail coaches;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the collaborating companies for manufacture of such modern passenger coaches;

(d) the facilities provided in such coaches; and

(e) the time by which these coaches are likely to be produced indigenously?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Indian Railways have entered into a contract for supply of 24 state-of-the-art light weight high speed coaches alongwith Transfer of Technology for manufacture of these new design coaches at RCF/Kapurthala in October, 1995.Three coaches have already been received for trials.

(c) Indian Railways have placed the above contract on M/s ALSTOM LHB, GermanyThe coaches are fitted with bogies manufactured by M/s FIAT SIG, Switzerland.

(d) These coaches have the following special features:

i) Environment friendly coaches interior and toilets;

ii) Improved ride comfort;

iii) Potential for high speed;

iv) Improved safety features;

v) Higher passenger carrying capacity;

vi) Reduced tare weight;

vii) Anti-corrosive materials; and

viii) Longer intervals between schedule maintenance.

(e) The first lot of coaches to the new design are likely to be produced in RCF/Kapurthala in 2001-02.